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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the request for restriction in the above-identified patent application, please make the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 15, line 2, please delete "(master" and substitute therefor -- (master)--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-13 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims:

14. (Amended) A remote interface, comprising:

a microcontroller;

a microcontroller bus providing data communication with other microcontrollers;

a memory [connected to] in data communication with the microcontroller;